

Child Care Survey for Parents

ABOUT THE SURVEY

This survey comes from a committee of the Washington Early Learning Council (ELC). For more information about the ELC, go to <http://www.washingtonlearns.wa.gov/>. The committee is preparing to draft recommendations to the legislature regarding regulation of child care to ensure its safety, health, quality, and accessibility throughout the state. Another committee is drafting a voluntary early learning quality rating and improvement system. The committees seek the perspectives of a diverse cross-section of child care providers and parents regarding both these issues.

This survey is anonymous. Individual responses will not be reported, but will be summarized with those of other providers. Comments will be generalized and no names or other identifying information will be referenced in the summary. The survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete.

In order to meet our schedule for developing recommendations, we must receive all responses no later than **May 19, 2006**.

TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY

Print this document out, complete the questions and mail to:

Attn: Regulatory Committee, Early Learning Council
PO 43113
Olympia, WA 98504-3113.

Thank you for your time and candor.

WHO SHOULD TAKE THIS SURVEY?

- **An individual parent.** If you are a parent who uses some form of child care, licensed or unlicensed, please skip down to question 1 and begin.

OR

- **A group of parents may complete it jointly—have one person ask the questions and write the answers.** Please write down the responses in as much detail as possible—using the parents' own words whenever possible.

For groups only:

What type of parent group is this? _____

How many parents are participating? _____

**Where parents have different responses to questions, please note how many answer each way.*

- 1) In what county do you live? _____
- 2) What type(s) of child care do you use? _____
- 3) Is the child care you use licensed? _____
- 4) What types of things do you look for when you select a child care provider for your children?

- 5) Please describe what you know about child care licensing. (Who does it? What do they look for?)
- 6) What things in child care do you think should be regulated? What is the most important thing child care licensing should be doing?

7) Have you ever talked with your child care provider about licensing? (In groups, ask for a show of hands) If you have, what did you talk about?

8) Is there anything that you think should be done differently in child care licensing?